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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a.) On page 1, line 30, the examiner suggest applicant delete the word "a" at the end of the sentence.
 - b.) On page 42, line 6, the examiner suggest applicant replace " $\omega 0$ " with " ω_0 ".Appropriate correction is required.
2. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the signal points" in line 11. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 2-3 rejected as well based upon their dependency upon rejected claim 1.

Double Patenting

5. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

6. Claims 4-6 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,748,023 B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 4-6 of U.S. Patent 6,748,023 B2, herein referred to as “023”, disclose all limitations of claims 4-6 of the instant application. Claim 4 of the “023” discloses 3 modulating steps and a timing controlling step. Though the instant application does not use the word step, the 3 modulation procedures and timing control procedure are all disclosed in claim 4 of 023”. Line 2 of claim 4 of the instant application is disclosed in lines 2-3 of claim 4 of “023”. Lines 3-4 of claim 4 of the instant application are disclosed in lines 4-6 of claim 4 of “023”. Lines 5-7 of claim 4 of the instant application are disclosed in lines 7-11 of claim 4 of “023” and lines 8-9 of claim 4 of the instant application are disclosed in lines 12-14 of claim 4 of “023”.

Regarding claims 5-6 of the instant application, the limitations of claims 5-6 of the instant application are disclosed in claim 5-6, respectively of "023".

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The instant application discloses a wireless communication apparatus and method. A search of prior art records has failed to teach or suggest, alone or in combination:

"a digital wireless communication apparatus comprising: a first modulator that modulates a pilot symbol according to a first modulation scheme; a second modulator that modulates specific symbols according to a second modulation scheme, the second modulation scheme being different than the first modulation scheme; a third modulator that modulates symbols other than said pilot symbol and said specific symbols according to a third modulation scheme, the third modulation scheme being different than the first and second modulation schemes; and a timing controller that controls timing such that said specific symbols are inserted immediately before and after said pilot symbol; wherein signal points of the specific symbols are allocated on an imaginary line that connects the origin point and a signal point of the pilot symbol on a signal space diagram" as disclosed in claim 1.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a.) Riazi et al. discloses in US Patent 6,580,705 B1 Signal Combining Scheme For Wireless Transmission Systems Having Multiple Modulation Schemes.

b.) Sharma et al. discloses in US Patent 6,259,728 B1 Data Communication System And Method.

c.) Sakoda et al. discloses in US Patent 6,888,789 B1 Transmitting Apparatus, Receiving Apparatus, Communication System, Transmission Method, Reception Method, And Communication Method.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence B Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-3037. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ghayour Mohammad can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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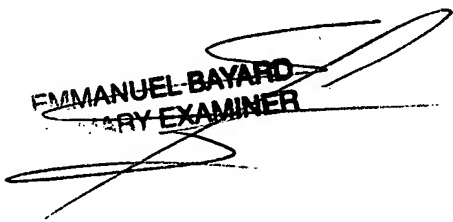
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